Development of Model airports

1330. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop 12 more Model airports; and

(b) if so, the names of those airport and the justification for developing 12 airports only ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Upgradation of airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources. The National Airports Authority have taken up the project of developing 12 domestic airports at model airports viz. Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Indore, Vadodara, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Calicut, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Imphal. The programme includes construction of new Terminal Building/ expansion of existing Terminal Building wherever necessary and possible, extension of runway to 7500' provision of latest landing aids and other operational infrastructure.

International flights from Bihar and north eastern states

1331. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Government agency had made a survey in Bihar and some North Eastern States recently to assess the potential of the East and North East regions for international air traffic;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to start international flights from Bihar and North Eastern States in the near future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to start international flights from these areas owing to inadequate traffic potential.

South Africa's invitation for construction of hotels

1332. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether ITDC or other government agencies have been invited by South Africa Government to use their expertise in hote building and build hotel in that country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Air fare of TA

1333. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the air fare of Indian Airlines further;

(b) whether Government have conducted any detailed study of air fares prevailing in other countries;

(c) if so, the details of air fare structure prevalent in domestic and foreign airlines in respective countries;

(d) whether the proposed increase would cause deterioration of Indian economy; and

(e) if so, the facts and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) There is no proposal at present to increase the domestic fares of Indian Airlines.

(b) and (c) No detailed survey of domestic fare structure prevailing in other countries has been made. However, according to available information, fares of Indian Airlines are substantially lower than domestic air fares charged in most other countries.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.